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the method for performing optical scanning according to any one of claims 31 to 41;

placing a photosensitive member on the scanned surface;
developing an electrostatic latent image formed on the photosensitive member by a light beam scanned by the optical scanning apparatus into a toner image;
transferring the developed toner image onto a transfer medium; and
fixing the transferred toner image on the transfer medium.

43. (New) An image forming method comprising the steps of:
the method for performing optical scanning according to any one of claims 31 to 41;
converting code data input from an external device into an image signal; and
inputting the signal to the optical scanning apparatus.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-43 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1-16 have been allowed. Claim 17 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. New Claims 18-43 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 14, 18, and 31 are in independent form.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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